

heard older lawyers in Selma describe even the youthful J.L. Chestnut's brilliance in the courtroom and the cool, relentless way he navigated through a segregated justice system in those early years. Not surprisingly, the organizers of the Selma marches in 1965 turned to him when they needed a legal strategy to spring demonstrators out of jail before they could be mauled or before they lost hope. It goes without saying that his visibility made him a marked man in a county where civil rights demonstrators occasionally wound up dead.

When the drama of the voting rights campaign ended, Chestnut's prestige as black Selma's attorney of record continued to rise. Chestnut litigated dozens of cases in federal court that reminded Alabama and Dallas County that the Constitution applied there—his work integrated juries, and the administrative ranks of the school system, as well as every sector of the workplace. Over the last decades of his life, he was the principal voting rights litigator in Alabama. The lawyer who was renowned for keeping innocent young men out of jail emerged as the lawyer to call if some municipality or county was scheming to dilute the black voter share, or to put some new encumbrance on black voter registration. The testament to his craftsmanship: I heard a federal judge say once that he looked more skeptically at voting rights cases in Alabama that didn't have Chestnut's names on the pleadings.

Chestnut, to my knowledge, never entertained the idea of running for office. He memorably told an audience once that you could lean on politicians more effectively if you weren't one of them. Thankfully, he leaned on more than a few and helped prop up a good number of others. He helped found the Alabama New South Coalition to support progressive candidates. One of the last ones he backed was Barack Obama, and J.L. went to his grave heartened that this miracle might be coming true.

Since I have entered office, I have seen Rosa Parks, Coretta King, John Hulett, Johnnie Carr, and now J.L. Chestnut called back home. Like them, Chestnut's contribution was moral authority at a time when both were in short supply. Chestnut and his class of heroes reminded us that we have obligations to each other—white and black people owe each other civility; talented people owe their community the service of their abilities; a decent society owes legal protections to every citizen; a privileged people owe the marginal among us security against the worst economic storms.

Finally, J.L. Chestnut reminded me that this new generation of leaders must challenge ourselves even more to forge lasting change—if J.L. could do it in a more hateful, more oppressive time, how dare we settle for a lesser standard of courage, and wit, and perseverance.

Madam Speaker, may God bless the family of J.L. Chestnut.

#### TRIBUTE TO LIEUTENANT JOE ROSS

#### HON. JOHN P. SARBANES

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 2, 2008*

Mr. SARBANES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Lieutenant Joe Ross of the Howard County Department of Fire & Rescue Services, who has recently received two distinct honors. Lieutenant Ross has been named Howard County's 2008 Employee of the Year as well as Career Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Provider of the Year by the American Legion—Department of Maryland. It is right to take time in the Congress to thank someone for a job well done. Today we pause to recognize a man who goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Lieutenant Ross has worked as a medical professional with Howard County Fire and Rescue for almost 10 years. Before that time he worked for the Anne Arundel County Fire Department and served in the United States Navy. Ross currently serves as an instructor of advanced cardiac life support and pediatric advanced life support at the James N. Robey Public Safety Training Center, training not only his peers, but also nurses and doctors from area hospitals. His fellow citizens have recognized the value of his work to Howard County and the quality, skill and dedication that he brings to his work every day. Madam Speaker, Lieutenant Ross's contributions to our community deserve our recognition and we in Maryland thank him for his service.

#### EMERGENCY ECONOMIC STABILIZATION ACT OF 2008

#### HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 2, 2008*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join thousands of families in my district who are struggling in this economy and frustrated at how this Congress is handling this rescue package.

A few days ago I stood shoulder to shoulder with Democrats and Republicans in this chamber and the families and businesses in my community to try and prevent an economic disaster.

While the bill we considered on Monday and the one we are voting on again is neither perfect nor popular, we have to do something on behalf of our Nation and its citizens. We have to fight for the families now at risk of losing their homes, the seniors who could lose their pensions and the students who are losing their shot at a college education.

Madam Speaker, I hope that our chamber can change the Senate's bill so that it does not include extraneous provisions that are unrelated to rescuing our economy.

We worked through the weekend last week and I am willing to do it again. We have the opportunity to do this right.

I believe this bill will ultimately protect middle class families, seniors on fixed incomes and students who want to go to college. I believe it also provides property tax relief, incentives for alternative energy and help for small businesses to create jobs.

These are provisions that will help families back at home and put our economy back on track.

On Monday we were derailed by too much bitter partisanship and the Senate's decision to tack on tax cuts for things like wood arrows, rum and race tracks will only make it harder to achieve the unity we need to help this great country.

I am for tax cuts—and have cosponsored more than two dozen in the last 22 months, but as I have said before, unrelated spending has no place in emergency legislation.

Madam Speaker, I urge the leadership of this House to strip the unnecessary provisions, pass this bill and send it back to the Senate with a message: we cannot afford to wait to do what's right.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF U.S. CONGRESSMAN DAVE WELDON, M.D.

#### HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 2, 2008*

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to U.S. Congressman DAVE WELDON, M.D. who I have had the privilege to serve with over the last 14 years in the House of Representatives.

Congressman WELDON, Florida's doctor, will be retiring at the end of the 110th Congress after being first elected to the House in 1994. He has been a great example of a citizen legislator—giving up successful professional careers in the U.S. Army and in medicine and in sacrificing time with family to serve our nation.

Not only is Rep. WELDON a brilliant physician, but throughout his tenure in Congress, he has been a provider of leadership in representing Florida's Space Coast. When DAVE spoke on the floor, he spoke with knowledge, insight and understanding. Not only did he contribute to the legislative process, but he also improved the legislative product.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to salute Rep. WELDON and his wife Nancy for their public service. Madam Speaker, I ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Congressman WELDON's service to our nation through all aspects of his life. To DAVE and his family, we extend our sincere thanks and well wishes for the future.

#### A TRIBUTE TO ARCHBISHOP WILBERT S. MCKINLEY

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 2, 2008*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and honor to the work and achievements of Archbishop Wilbert S. McKinley, founding patriarch of the Elim International Fellowship.

Archbishop McKinley established Elim International Fellowship on July 26, 1964 at 9 Chauncey Street in Brooklyn. He began with a bold new vision: to create a dynamic spiritual center in the heart of Brooklyn that generates